

## Blueprint for a Safer Economy (corrected 9/3/20)

Here's what you need to know about [Newsom's plan released 8/28/20](#)

- Counties will be divided into 4 tiers based on average daily new cases/100,000 persons and the % positive rate; new evaluations will be posted each Tuesday starting 9/8/20
- Each week's evaluation will be based on the case and testing numbers for the week representing 8-14 days prior to the release of the new evaluation (7 day averages with 7 day lag)
- Counties must remain in a tier for at least three weeks before moving forward to a higher tier
- To move forward a county must meet the next tier's criteria for 2 consecutive evaluations
- A county can only move forward one tier at a time even if metrics qualify for a more advanced tier
- If a county's numbers fail to meet the criteria for the county's current tier for 2 consecutive evaluations the county will be reassigned to a more restrictive tier
- City Local Health Jurisdictions (eg PPHD and LBPHD) will be counted in their surrounding county's metrics and be assigned to the same tier as their surrounding county
- In addition, the state will establish health equity measures on activities such as data collection, testing access, contact tracing, supportive isolation, and outreach that demonstrate a county's ability to address the most impacted communities within a county. Additional measures addressing health outcomes such as case rates, hospitalizations and deaths, will also be developed and tracked for improvement.
- State and federal inmate cases will not be counted in confirmed case counts
- Assignment of a case rate tier includes an adjustment factor for counties that are testing above the state average; that adjustment starts at 241 tests/100,000 population. The guidelines don't state specifically but the only logical assumption is that this is per day. If this was per week, it would represent an abysmally low rate of testing

<b>County Risk Level</b>	<b>cases/day/100,000</b>	<b># of new cases for LA County</b>	<b>% positive</b>
<b>Tier 1 Widespread</b> <i>Many non-essential indoor businesses closed</i>	>7	>707/day	>8%
<b>Tier 2 Substantial</b> <i>Some non-essential indoor businesses closed</i>	4-7	404-707/day	5-8%
<b>Tier 3 Moderate</b> <i>Some indoor businesses open with modifications</i>	1-3.9	101-393/day	2-4.9%
<b>Tier 4 Minimal</b> <i>Most indoor businesses open with modifications</i>	<1	<101/day	<2%

LA County is in Tier 1. Our "raw" average cases/day were 1,288 for 8/26-9/1 and 1,464 for 8/19-8/25. Our % positive was 9.3% for 8/26-9/1 and 9.8% for 8/19-8/25. So you can see we are a long way from meeting the criteria to be in tier 2 for 2 consecutive weeks with average daily cases <707 and % positive  $\leq 8\%$ . One of the reasons they do a 7 day lag in the calculations is to give some time to sort out people incorrectly assigned to a given county and to calculate the state and federal inmate cases and tests to back out which is why I call my numbers (based on the LA County Dashboard) "raw".

LA County's average testing rate was 137 tests/100,000 persons/day for the week of 8/26-9/1 so we won't be getting any "discounts" on our case rates for that week. There were 2 weeks in July when the LA County testing rate was >241 tests/100,000/day and otherwise the LA County number has been below that ever since I started calculating it in early May.